

**APPENDIX 1. ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

This appendix contains acronyms and abbreviations for both old as well as new General Aviation terms that are used throughout this Handbook. Inspectors can refer to the following alphabetical listing of frequently used acronyms and abbreviations and their meanings when using this Handbook.

<b>14 CFR</b>	Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations	<b>CFI</b>	certificated flight instructor
<b>49 U.S.C.</b>	Title 49 of the United States Code	<b>CHDO</b>	certificate holding district office
<b>A/FD</b>	Airport/Facility Directory	<b>CIRE</b>	commercial and instrument rating examiner
<b>AC</b>	Advisory Circular	<b>CMO</b>	Certificate Management Office
<b>ACCSS</b>	air carrier cabin safety specialists	<b>CPL</b>	commercial pilot license
<b>ACE</b>	aerobatic competency evaluator	<b>CPM</b>	certification project manager
<b>ACO</b>	Aircraft Certification Office	<b>CRW</b>	canopy relative work
<b>ACR</b>	airman certification representative	<b>DH</b>	decision height
<b>ADF</b>	automatic direction finding	<b>CTA</b>	control areas
<b>AFSS</b>	automated flight service station	<b>DME</b>	distance measuring equipment
<b>AFTN</b>	aeronautical fix telecommunication	<b>DOD</b>	Department of Defense
<b>AH</b>	alert height	<b>DPE</b>	designated pilot examiner
<b>AGL</b>	above ground level	<b>EAA</b>	Experimental Aircraft Association
<b>AIDS</b>	Accident Incident Data Subsystem	<b>EIR</b>	Enforcement Investigation Report
<b>AIP</b>	Aeronautical Information Publication	<b>EIS</b>	Enforcement Information Subsystem
<b>ARFF</b>	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Equipment	<b>FAA</b>	Federal Aviation Administration
<b>ASI</b>	aviation safety inspector	<b>FCC</b>	Federal Communications Commission
<b>AST</b>	aviation safety technician	<b>FD</b>	flight director
<b>ATC</b>	air traffic control	<b>FDC</b>	flight data center
<b>ATP</b>	airline transport pilot	<b>FIE</b>	flight instructor examiner
<b>ATPE</b>	airline transport pilot examiner	<b>FIR</b>	flight information regions
<b>BFA</b>	Balloon Federation of America	<b>FIRC</b>	flight instructor refresher clinic
<b>CAN</b>	Center Area NOTAM	<b>FL</b>	flight level
<b>CAR</b>	Civil Air Regulations	<b>FM</b>	flight manual
<b>CASFO</b>	Civil Aviation Security Field Office	<b>FMCS</b>	flight management computer systems
<b>CE</b>	commercial pilot examiner	<b>FMS</b>	flight management system

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<b>FOI</b>	fundamentals of instructing	<b>LORAN</b>	long-range navigation
<b>FSAS</b>	Flight Standards Automation System	<b>LRN</b>	long-range navigation
<b>FSDO</b>	Flight Standards District Office	<b>LRNS</b>	long-range navigation system
<b>FSS</b>	flight service station	<b>MC/FPE</b>	military competency/foreign pilot examiner
<b>FTD</b>	flight training device	<b>MEL</b>	minimum equipment list
<b>GPS</b>	global positioning system	<b>MLS</b>	microwave landing system
<b>GSGC</b>	Ground School Graduation Certificate	<b>MNPS</b>	Minimum Navigation Performance Specification
<b>GTD</b>	ground training device	<b>MSL</b>	mean sea level
<b>HAZMAT</b>	hazardous material	<b>NAS</b>	National Airspace System
<b>HF</b>	high frequency	<b>NAT</b>	North Atlantic
<b>HUD</b>	heads-up display	<b>navaid</b>	navigational aid
<b>IAP</b>	instrument approach procedures	<b>NDB</b>	nondirectional beacon
<b>ICAO</b>	International Civil Aviation Organization	<b>NDPER</b>	National Designated Pilot Examiner Registry
<b>ICAS</b>	International Council of Air Shows	<b>NEB</b>	National Examiner Board
<b>IFO</b>	International Field Office	<b>NFDC</b>	National Flight Data Center
<b>IFP</b>	Instrument Foreign Pilot	<b>NM</b>	nautical miles
<b>IFR</b>	instrument flight rules	<b>NOTAM</b>	Notice to Airmen
<b>IGA</b>	international general aviation	<b>NTSB</b>	National Transportation Safety Board
<b>IIC</b>	inspector-in-charge	<b>OCA</b>	oceanic control areas
<b>ILS</b>	instrument landing system	<b>OJT</b>	on-the-job training
<b>IMC</b>	instrument meteorological conditions	<b>PAI</b>	principal avionics inspector
<b>INS</b>	inertial navigation system	<b>PCA</b>	primary category aircraft
<b>IRA</b>	Instrument Rating Airplane	<b>PE</b>	private pilot examiner
<b>IRS</b>	inertial reference systems	<b>PIC</b>	pilot-in-command
<b>ISIS</b>	Integrated Safety Information Subsystem	<b>POI</b>	principal operations inspector
<b>ISS</b>	inertial sensor system	<b>PPE</b>	proficiency pilot examiner
<b>JAR</b>	Joint Airworthiness Requirements	<b>PPM</b>	PTRS Procedures Manual
<b>LAHSO</b>	land-and-hold-short operations		
<b>LOA</b>	letter of authorization		

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<b>PTRS</b>	Program Tracking and Reporting Subsystem	<b>TC</b>	type certification
<b>PTS</b>	practical test standards	<b>TCDS</b>	type certificate data sheet
<b>RAIM</b>	receiver autonomous integrity monitoring	<b>TCE</b>	training center evaluator
<b>RVR</b>	runway visual range	<b>TCO</b>	training course outline
<b>RVSM</b>	Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum	<b>TSO</b>	technical standard order
<b>SA</b>	selective availability	<b>USNOF</b>	United States NOTAM Office
<b>SFAR</b>	Special Federal Aviation Regulations	<b>USPA</b>	United States Parachute Association
<b>SIC</b>	second-in-command	<b>VFR</b>	visual flight rules
<b>SODA</b>	Statement of Demonstrated Ability	<b>VHF</b>	very high frequency
<b>SOIR</b>	simultaneous operations on intersecting runways (replaced by LAHSO)	<b>VIS</b>	Vital Information Subsystem VLA
<b>SPG</b>	Special Planning Group	<b>VLF</b>	very low frequency
<b>STC</b>	supplemental type certificate	<b>V<sub>MC</sub></b>	minimum controllable airspeed
<b>TAF</b>	terminal weather forecasts	<b>VMC</b>	visual meteorological conditions
		<b>VOR</b>	VHF omni-directional radio range
		<b>V<sub>REF</sub></b>	approach speed

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